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The Honorable Henry J. C. Aquino The Honorable Troy N. Hashimoto and Members of the House Committee on Transportation State Capitol, Room 423 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Hashimoto, and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: Testimony on House Concurrent Resolution 45 & House Resolution 42

The Department of Transportation Services is in <u>support</u> of this measure.

As expressed in this resolution, the City and County of Honolulu recognizes the need to abate traffic congestion during peak hours and we already prohibit parking on this section of Isenberg Street.

The Department of Transportation Services affirms that the extension of the parking restriction to 6:30 p.m. will alleviate congestion and we are already preparing to implement this.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Very truly yours,

Wes Frysztacki

Director

March 20, 2019

Representative Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair Representative Troy N. Hashimoto, Vice Chair Committee on Transportation

RE:

HCR 45/ HR 42: Requesting extending the No Parking Restriction on Isenberg Street Friday March 22, 2019 at 10am in Conference Room 423

In Strong Support

There are other locations throughout the city that impede the flow of traffic due to improper parking management, but I am most familiar with this area as I drive it frequently.

Most of the traffic off the H-1 freeway from the Bingham Street exit travels down Isenberg Street to access the University business area as well as local residences. Isenberg from Kapiolani up to King Street is a four lane street — unimpeded 24 hours. The section of Isenberg between King Street and Young Street is a two lane street after 5:30pm as the five Ewa side parking spots are almost always taken soon after 5:30pm. Because a lot of the vehicles want to turn left onto King Street from Isenberg, and the other lane is blocked by parked vehicles at 5:30pm, the traffic backs up badly until the mauka bound traffic clears — there is no dedicated turn signal (green arrow) at that intersection. If the other lane was open, vehicles wishing to travel straight down Isenberg would not be held back by vehicles wishing to turn left.

The simplest solution would be to simply change the no parking restriction from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. There is even precedent as the parking restrictions on King Street and Date Street, and probably elsewhere in the area, are not lifted until 6:30pm, which is sensible as traffic is still rather heavy until that hour.

A can of paint and a little time; a simple solution with great benefits.

Charles St. Sure